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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TRINIDAD/TOBAGO PRIMIN

1. COHEN STUART, DIRECTOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE SECTION OF MFA, HAS BRIEFED EMBOFF ON VISIT TO NETHS JULY 12-15 OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRIMIN ERIC WILLIAMS. VISIT DESCRIBED AS PRIMARILY RELATED TO DR. WILLIAMS' INTEREST IN VISITING SEVERAL DUTCH INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, BUT ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO MEET WITH PRIMIN DEN UYL, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AND STATE SECRETARY FOR FONAFFS. BRINKHORST.

2. DURING MEETINGS IN MFA, ALL OF WHICH ATTENDED BY WESTERN HEMISPHERE DIRECTOR, WILLIAMS SKETCHED OUT HIS IDEAS FOR ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL LOS REGIME FOR CARIBBEAN. ACCORDING TO COHEN STUART, PRIMIN DID NOT DIRECTLY SOLICIT GON SUPPORT FOR IDEA AND VAN DER STOEL MADE NO COMMENT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OR 30TH UNGA ISSUES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, COHEN STUART REPLIED IN NEGATIVE. WE KNOW, HOWEVER, FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT ONE MEMBER OF TRINIDAD PARTY DID CAUTION DUTCH NOT TO EXPECT NON-ALIGNED TO BREAK RANKS IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY ON QUESTION OF EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. DR. WILLIAMS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MANY COUNTRIES LIKE TRINIDAD DO NOT
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SEE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AS INVOLVING THEM AND WOULD NOT BE MOTIVATED TO OPPOSE ARABS IN GROUP OF 77. (THE HAGUE 3685 NOTAL).

3. MUCH OF VISIT TO NETHS TAKEN UP WITH VISITS TO VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONCERNS--HOOGOEVENS, DUTCH BASED STEEL MULTINATIONAL; PHILIPS; FOKKER AIRCRAFT; AND A ROTTERDAM DREGING FIRM. PRIMIN ALSO VISITED LEIDEN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PLAN TO CONVENE A CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITIES MEETING IN PORT OF SPAIN IN DECEMBER. HE SPOKE OF INVITING 17 CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITIES PLUS THEIR EUROPEAN COLLABORATORS TO THE MEETING. (LEIDEN HAS TIES WITH UNIVERSITY OF SURINAM.)

4. COHEN STUART MENTIONED THAT GOTT PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER, CAMPBELL, HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH DUTCH MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND WATERWAYS, WESTERTERP, BUT THAT MFA HAD NO INFO ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.
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